

REPORT
OF
THE SECRETARY OF WAR,

COMMUNICATING

A statement of the expenses of the national armories, and of the arms and appendages made thereat during the year ending June 30, 1856.

JANUARY 5, 1857.—Ordered to lie on the table and be printed.

WAR DEPARTMENT,
Washington, January 2, 1857.

SIR: Pursuant to an act approved April 2, 1794, I have the honor to transmit herewith a statement of the expenses of the national armories, and of the arms and appendages made thereat during the year which ended June 30, 1856.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

JEFF'N DAVIS,
Secretary of War.

HON. J. D. BRIGHT,
President pro tem. of the Senate.

Statement of the expenditures at the national armories, and of the number of arms and appendages made and altered thereat, during the year ending June 30, 1856.

| Armories. | Expenditures. | | | | | Arms, &c., made and altered. | | | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------|--|---|--|--|--------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------|---|
| | From the appropriation for repairs and improvements and new machinery. | From the appropriation for the manufacture of arms. | From the appropriation for ordnance and ordnance stores. | From the appropriation for arming and equipping the militia—applied to manufacture for that service. | Total. | Musketoons—percussion. | Rifle carbines—percussion. | Rifle pistol carbines—percussion. | Percussion muskets, model of 1849 altered, i. e. rifled and sighted. | Flint-lock muskets rifled and sighted, and fitted with the Maynard primer. | Percussion steel-barrel rifles altered for long-range sight. | Wipers made. | Screw-drivers made. | Ball screws made. | Spring-vices made. | Bullet-moulds for expanding bullets made. |
| Springfield | \$141,757 51 | \$189,872 68 | \$87 86 | \$9,045 85 | \$290,768 40 | 1,000 | 720 | 1,008 | 1,001 | | | 8,897 | 10,314 | 587 | 8,572 | |
| Harper's Ferry | 39,858 00 | 128,376 01 | 34 42 | 66 28 | 168,334 71 | | | | 2,000 | 82 | 1,050 | 5,260 | 6,801 | 1,610 | | 86 |
| Total | 181,615 51 | 268,248 69 | 121 78 | 9,112 13 | 454,098 11 | 1,000 | 720 | 1,008 | 3,001 | 82 | 1,050 | 14,157 | 17,115 | 2,197 | 8,572 | 86 |

There were made at the Springfield armory, in addition to the arms and appendages above stated, several model rifle muskets and carbines of the model of 1855, with their appendages, and a large number of gauges and tools for the manufacture of such arms, and many of the component parts of the arms. At Harper's Ferry armory, a large number of such components were prepared; and at both armories extensive preparations have been made in buildings and machinery for the manufacture of the new model arms.

ORDNANCE OFFICE, Washington, January 2, 18

A. K. CRAIG, Colonel of Ordnance.